

## Message Text

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ACTION ARA-14

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R 032222Z APR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6370

C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 2179

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SNAR, PN  
SUBJECT: ALLEGED STATE RESTRICTION OF DEA

1. THERE HAVE BEEN NO INSTANCES WHERE IT MIGHT BE CHARGED THAT THE EMBASSY RESTRAINED OR VETOED ANY DEA OPERATION, AT LEAST DURING THE INCUMBENCY OF EMBASSY AND DEA OFFICIALS CURRENTLY AT POST. EMBASSY AND DEA HAVE A PROCEDURE WHICH PERMITS THE MONITORING OF DEA OPERATIONS, HOWEVER. THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED PRIMARILY BY DCM/NARCOTICS COORDINATOR WHO IS RECIPIENT OF ALL INCOMING TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES AND IS APPROVING OFFICER FOR ALL OUTGOING CABLES. DCM AND SAIC ALSO MEET FREQUENTLY TO DISCUSS ANY DEA OPERATIONS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHICH MAY HAVE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS.

2. EMBASSY SUPPORT OF DEA'S MISSION IS PROVIDED THROUGH NARCOTICS CONTROL COMMITTEE WHICH REVIEWS AND ENDORSES DEA PROJECTS WHICH MAY REQUIRE FUNDING THROUGH S/NM. EMBASSY ALSO SUPPORTS DEA GOALS IN SPECIFIC INVESTIGATIONS, FOR EXAMPLE, BY USING DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS TO VERIFY REGISTRY OF VESSELS, OBTAINING GOP AUTHORITY TO BOARD, EXAMINE AND SEIZE PANAMANIAN VESSELS CARRYING NARCOTICS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS, INSTITUTING EXTRADITION REQUESTS. EMBASSY/DEA RELATIONS HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY PRODUCTIVE  
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AND HARMONIOUS AT THIS POST.  
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